2531. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the order of the Debt Recovery Tribunal in the petition filed by Central Bank against Patriot Management for recovery of Rs. 21 crores has resulted in workers of Patriot and Link not getting salaries since may, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whehter there is a conspiracy between the Central Bank of India and Patriot Management as alleged by the Union to deprive the workers of their salaries;

(d) whether Patriot Management proposes to go in for mass retrenchment of workers; and

(e) what steps, Government proposed to take to undo the damage done by Central Bank's action?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Central Bank of India has reported that it had filed a case against United India Periodicals (P) ltd. (UIPPL) before Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), New Delhi on 21st May, 1996 for recovery of dues to the Bank. The DRT is yet to pronounce its final order in the case. However, the DRT had passed an interim order restraining the company from receiving lease/rental money from the tenants/lessees in the building under mortgage with Central Bank of India with the direction that the same may be paid to the Bank.

(c) Central Bank of India has denied that there is any such thing like conspiracy as alleged by the workers' Union of UIPPL.

(d) UIPPL is a private sector company. Ministry of Finance is not aware of any such proposal.

(e) The matter is at present sub judice. In any case, under Section 20(1) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, any person aggrieved by an order made, or deemed to have been made, by a DRT can prefer an appeal to an Appellate Tribunal having jurisdiction in the matter

विदेशियों द्वारा मादक द्रव्यों और औषधियों की तस्करी

2532. **प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान मादक द्रव्यों और औषधियों की तस्करी में कितने विदेशी पकड़े गए हैं;

(ख) उनमें से कितने लोगों को सजा हुई और उनकी सजा की अवधि कितने वर्ष की थी; और

(ग) क्या सरकार कुछ अन्य देशों की तरह भारत में मादक द्रव्यों की तस्करी के अपराध के लिए मृत्यु दण्ड का प्रावधान करने का विचार रखती है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) उपलब्ध सूचना के आधार पर वर्ष 1992 तथा 1996 (नवंबर) के बीच गिरफ्तार किए गए 65,681 व्यक्तियों में से 669 विदेशी थे।

(ख) सरकार ने विदेशी सिद्ध दोषियों की सूचना अलग से नहीं रखी है। तथापि उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान 8020 व्यक्ति सिद्ध दोष पाए गए।

(ग) वर्ष 1989 में संशोधित एन॰डी॰पी॰एस॰ अधिनियम में अपराधों के पुनः करने के विभिन्न मामलों में पहले से ही अनिवार्य मृत्यु दंड का प्रावधान है।

Setback to Video-Cassette Marketing by NFDC

2533. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the video cassette marketing by NFDC has suffered;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Sales of Video cassettes by NFDC have gone down due to the growth of a large number of satellite cahnnels and other options available to the viewer. In view of this, it would not be economically viable for NFDC to continue with marketing of video cassettes at the earlier levels. NFDC is, therefore, concentrating more on television as a medium of exhibition.

Recommendations of Law Commission regarding revision of Code of Criminal Procedure

2534. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations of the Law Commission regarding revision of Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Law Commission had submitted its 154th Report on Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974) suggesting certain amendments in the Code. The Report is yet to be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) After laying on the Table, the same will be published and examined by the Government with a view to implement the recommendations contained therein.

Collections of Blood from HIV infected Persons

2535. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the survey conducted by the Population Services India Limited out of 1244 persons having symptoms of HIV positive 1130 persons are fully affected with AIDS;

(b) whether two per cent of the blood donors for treatment of Dengue patient in Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital were found suffering from AIDS and twelve per cent of them were found suffering from other serious ailments;

(c) the number of blood units which were collected from person suffering from serious diseases and transfused to patients;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) As per information available, no such survey has been conducted by Population Services India Ltd.

(b) During the days of Dengue fever, i.e. between October-November, 1996, the percentage of blood donors found positive for AIDS in Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi was 0.68% and those from other serious ailments, viz. Hepatites and Syphillis were 3.2% and 2.3% respectively.

(c) to (e) Blood found to be positive for Hepatitis, AIDS and Syphillis is not transufsed to patients. It is ensured that all blood issued from Blood Bank should be free from above diseases.

The number of blood units collected and found positives on testing for HIV, Hepatites and Syphillis are as under:—

Month	AIDS	Hepatites	Syphillis
October, 96	15	85	63
November, 96	7	26	22
TOTAL:	22	111	85

These blood units were discarded.